



SENATE BILL 874: Spruce Pine Deannexation

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SUMMARY: *Senate Bill 874 would deannex 4.99 acres from the Town of Spruce Pine.*

CURRENT LAW: Under Section 1 of Article VII of the N.C. Constitution, the General Assembly is empowered to "provide for the organization and government and the fixing of boundaries of counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions, and, except as otherwise prohibited by this Constitution, may give such powers and duties to counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions as it may deem advisable."

Pursuant to this Section, the General Assembly enacted Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, which authorize municipalities to enact ordinances to add territory to their municipal limits by annexation.

The General Assembly has not enacted any method for municipalities to *deannex* property – that power remains with the General Assembly.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 874 would deannex 4.99 acres from the Town of Spruce Pine.

BACKGROUND: The Town Manager reported that the Town of Spruce Pine does not oppose the deannexation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Senate Bill 874 would become effective June 30, 2014.

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